

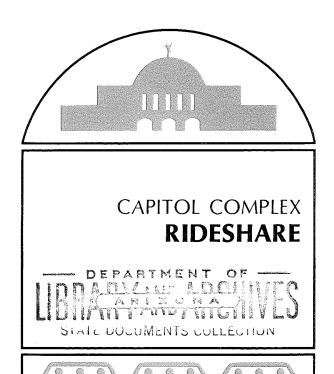
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Driving alone to work?

If so, it is costing you more than you realize.

When you add up the expenses for gasoline, maintenance, insurance, repairs, finance charges, and depreciation, the cost per mile may be 25 cents or more. A 20-mile, round-trip commute to work each day, for example, could cost you \$1,200 a year. That is a high price to pay for convenience.

By carpooling, vanpooling, and riding the bus, people all over Arizona and the nation are discovering how ridesharing slashes commuting costs. Sharing the ride with just one other person in a carpool can save you as much as \$500 a year.

Computing Your Commuting Cost

(Figure 21 cents per mile for a standard-size car, 17 cents for a compact, 15 cents for a sub-compact.)

- 1. MULTIPLY
 (_____) X (_____)
 Cost per mile Miles per day
- 2. MULTIPLY NUMBER OF WORKING DAYS PER YEAR (242) = \$
- 3. COST PER YEAR TO DRIVE ALONE = \$
- 4. DIVIDE BY NUMBER OF PERSONS IN CARPOOL ÷
- 5. NEW INDIVIDUAL COST BY CAR-POOLING = \$
- 6. YEARLY SAVING (Subtract 5 from 3)

Forming a Carpool

- * The first step, if you don't already know anyone to ride with, is to contact the Rideshare Coordinator in your agency who has both the applications for computer matching and bus information.
- * When you have received your match print-out, give those on the list a call. You might like to meet for coffee.
- * Some questions to resolve will be: Will the driving be rotated? How many days a week will the carpool operate? What will the shared costs be? Will the pickup be at home or a central location? Are your working hours compatible?
- * When a carpool is formed the members are expected to be prompt, operate and maintain the vehicle properly, keep the gas tank filled, and observe the rules of the carpool concerning smoking, radio playing, etc.
- * It may take a little effort to form a carpool but good planning will insure an optimum of comfort and harmony while enjoying the convenience and savings of ridesharing.

Happy Ridesharing!